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Andhra students in the Madras State Engineering Colleges.

* 1851 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Andhra State students studying in Madras State Engineering Colleges;

(*b*) how many of them are enjoying Government scholarships, residential as well as non-residential in each College; and

(*c*) whether the Andhra Government have undertaken to bear the expenditure incurred on behalf of these students?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir."

Removal of civil disabilities in the State.

* 1852 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government towards the enforcement of the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act and the Temple Entry Authorization Act in 1953–54; and

(*b*) the measures adopted by the Government to destroy caste differences and the amount other than the allotment under the heads of Harijan Welfare spent on each such measure?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The Acts are enforced by the Police and Revenue Departments Staff. It is not possible to work out the cost of enforcement of these Acts separately.

" (*b*) The measures adopted are—

(i) Celebration of ' Harijan Day ' in several centres in each district when Caste Hindus and Harijans mingle.

(ii) Admission of Backward Class and Caste Hindu students in Harijan hostels and Harijans in Backward Class hostels.

(iii) Enforcement of the Temple Entry Authorization Act and the Removal of Disabilities Act.

(iv) Propaganda for, and settlement of, disputes between Caste Hindus and Harijans through Village Vigilance Committees.

(v) Holding of meetings, bhajanas, etc., and celebration of marriage and other functions, drying of foodgrains, etc., on a common platform especially constructed for the purpose.

No expenditure is incurred by the Government on item (1). Expenditure on items (ii), (iv) and (v) is met from Budget allotment for Harijan Welfare. Expenditure incurred on item (iii) is not worked out separately.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 169 infra.